

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Ho-Suk KIM et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1795
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Application No.: 10/542,642)	Examiner: Davis, Patricia A.
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Filed: July 19, 2005)	Confirmation No.: 1718
)	
For: SEALING STRUCTURE FOR)	
POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL)	
CELL)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement mailed July 31, 2009, the period for response to which extends through August 31, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C.

§§ 121 and 372 between the following groups of claims:

- Group I – Claims 1 and 3-11, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a sealing structure for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell having a membrane electrode assembly; and
- Group II – Claim 12, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of making a sealing plate for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell.

In reply, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1 and 3-11.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter this response
and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 18, 2009

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